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EAST IN GRIP OF STORM KING

WORST BLIZZARD IN TWENTY
YEARS SWEEPS NEW
ENGLAND

TRAFFIC AT STANDSTILL

SCORE KNOWN TO HAVE PERISH-
ED, BUT LIST IS STILL IN-
COMPLETE

IMMENSE PROPERTY LOSS

THIS REACHES FIVE MILLIONS IN
AND AROUND BOSTON—
WORST IS OVER

A Christmas blizzard, the severest storm experienced in the east in twenty years, tied up local traffic this morning in the principal cities from Pennsylvania to Maine and disarranged train schedules in half a dozen states. Conditions today were rapidly improving and by Tuesday night a normal state of affairs will probably again exist. But another storm is due then. Five persons are dead in Philadelphia as a result of the blizzard, and a dozen or more in New York state. The final report of fatalities in the New England states have not come to hand, but may reach a score. Seven thousand men are now at work in New York City alone, cleaning the streets of snow.

Heavy Loss of Life

New York, Dec. 27.—Eighteen persons in and near New York perished in the Christmas storm or from accidents caused by it. Six died in snowdrifts, others were drowned and several were killed by trains. Today New York is rapidly digging herself out from a ten-inch snowfall and street and railroad traffic is rapidly improving. No heavy loss to shipping is reported, but small boats suffered severely. A shortage in food supplies as a result of railroad blockades and the consequent increase in prices contributed to the hardships of the poor.

Five Million Dollar Loss.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Five million dollars is the estimate of loss made today by the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard, which yesterday swept all New England and drove a record tide over the coast. It is impossible yet to give a list of the fatalities, but these will be heavy. Masses of wreckage, apparently of the five-masted schooner Divers Palmer, of Boston, were found on the beach at Hull today and it is believed the vessel struck one of the outer ledges of the harbor during yesterday's storm and went to pieces with the loss of all on board, a crew of 12 men. Four are also known to be dead at Chelsea, where a tidal wave, bursting through the dike along the Island End river, flooded many homes and forced 2,500 persons to flee for their lives.

Thirty-two cities and towns in New England were in darkness last night owing to the damage done the electric light systems. All along the coast phenomenal tides are reported. In a great many places the sea walls were battered down, boulevards razed and curbs and houses along the shore destroyed. In Boston the tide swept over the wharves, across Atlantic avenue and as far inland as the Chamber of Commerce. The damage done in this section will reach half a million dollars. But the worst damage

done was at Chelsea and Everett and it will probably be several weeks before the tide gate on the Island End River will be restored and homes can be re-occupied. Having escaped scantily clad and barefooted, the residents of the suburban districts had to stand for hours in the raging blizzard, waiting for wagons to convey them to shelter. Hundreds of homeless have been taken care of in the schools and churches.

Still Snowing in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—Philadelphia today was still in the grip of the blizzard which descended upon this section of the country Christmas day. Business is tied up worse than for many years and it will be several days before conditions are normal. An unprecedented heavy snowfall, coming almost unheralded, caught the railroads, street car companies and other public service concerns wholly unprepared. With the exception of the Market street subway, there was practically no street car service in this city this morning.

Army of Men Shovel Snow.

New York, Dec. 27.—Hard work all last night by thousands of men on the city's streets, broke the blockade caused by the greatest December storm in years in this vicinity. Ten inches of snow fell.

Storm Passes Out to Sea.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A hopeful view of conditions was held out this morning by the Weather Bureau. It was stated that the storm which has played havoc on the Atlantic coast and throughout New England, had passed out to sea off the Maine coast. In Washington four and a half inches of snow fell but otherwise this city escaped the fury of the storm.

New Foundland Suffers.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 27.—A terrific storm which began Christmas Eve was still raging here today and has caused a great amount of damage. Throughout the colony telegraph and telephone service is prostrated and railroads blocked.

SICK MAN LOSES IN RACE AGAINST DEATH

Delmar J. Wilson, a healthseeker who was on his way to St. Joseph, Mo., from Albuquerque, died on Santa Fe train No. 8 today. Death occurred about 7 o'clock, while the train was at the local station waiting for the passengers to be served with breakfast.

Mr. Wilson had been sick but two months, having been taken down with quick consumption. He went to Albuquerque about ten days ago in the hope of bettering his condition but seeing that he was beyond recovery decided that he would return to his home in St. Joseph. He was thirty-three years of age and operated a large grocery business in St. Joseph.

He was accompanied by his wife and father, J. D. Wilson, who is a large realty man of St. Joe.

The remains were removed from the train here and taken to the J. C. Johnson & Son's undertaking parlors where they were prepared for shipment, the remains being sent east this afternoon to St. Joseph for burial.

WILL REDEEM TIME CHECKS AT FACE VALUE

The contracting firm of Cole & Work, which has charge of the building of the big concrete dams for the Camfield Development company, which dams are to be a part of the company's mammoth irrigation project on the Las Vegas grant, announces that the time checks issued the men will be honored the same as bank checks.

The time checks, which are now being printed by the Optic Publishing company, will be issued the men at any time they want money and will be protected the same as if they were bank checks. Business men are safe in accepting them at their face value. The time checks should be mailed to the office of the contractors in this city the tenth of each preceding month at which time they will be redeemed.

Printed on the time checks is this warning: "Not good if cashed in saloons." Hence, to avoid any loss, saloon men should refuse to cash the time checks if they are presented to them.

MEXICO CITY TO RECEIVE ZELAYA

CERTAIN EX-NICARAGUAN PRES-
IDENT WILL TAKE REFUGE
THERE

REACHES SALINA CRUZ

MEXICAN GUNBOAT GENERAL
GUERRERO STILL HAS FUGI-
TIVE ON BOARD

HIS ESCAPE IMPOSSIBLE

IF UNITED STATES DECIDES TO
PUNISH HIM, HE CAN BE
EXTRADITED

Salina Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 27.—The Mexican gunboat General Guerrero, having on board ex-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, whom it accepted as a refugee on Saturday last at Managua, docked here at 8 o'clock this morning. Accompanying the former Nicaraguan president were his ex-minister of war and four other prominent Nicaraguans.

May Yet Be Punished.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There is no doubt in official circles here that ex-President Zelaya's final destination is Mexico City. His departure from Nicaragua is not regarded as at all conclusive that he will escape punishment for his crimes there. The United States government is proceeding with deliberation, knowing should his presence in Nicaragua be required at any time to answer for his misdeeds, that his person could be secured with little difficulty. Secretary of State Knox in his letter to the Nicaraguan chargé d'affaires, Mr. Rodriguez, made it clear that in connection with any demand this government might make upon Nicaragua in the way of reparation for the killing of Groce and Cannon, there might be included an additional money indemnity, the demand that the person or persons found guilty of murder should be tried and punished. The question of extradition in a case of this kind was settled a good many years ago and there is little doubt but that any nation where Zelaya might take refuge, would, on the showing the United States would be able to make, surrender him for trial and punishment.

STATEHOOD AT THIS SESSION EXCEEDINGLY IMPROBABLE

Washington, Dec. 27.—Statehood legislation at the present session of congress will not go beyond giving authority to the people of New Mexico and Arizona to hold constitutional conventions and provide the means for such conventions; if the wishes of leading members of congress dictate the policy. This program is in harmony with the message of President Taft.

In the last session of the sixtieth congress the house passed a bill to admit New Mexico and Arizona as separate states. It was predicted that the measure would go through the senate in short order. Such was not the case, however. Some of the members of the senate committee did not like the looks of some certain land grants to individuals which had been received under territorial administration. Some of the claims for large holdings under Spanish grants were also viewed with suspicion. Furthermore the estimates coming from the territories as to population, both as to numbers and class were not accepted, and it was thought best to delay action until after the 1910 de-

PHENOMENAL RISE IN STOCKS

COMMON SHARES OF ROCK IS-
LAND ADVANCE THIRTY-ONE
POINTS

EARMARKS OF "CORNER"

HOWEVER, HEAVY TRADING
FORCES PRICE DOWN TO
FIFTY

SHORTS BADLY SQUEEZED

HINTED STOCK EXCHANGE MAY
INVESTIGATE CAUSE FOR
FLURRY

New York, Dec. 27.—A startling market movement that had all the earmarks of a "corner," came today when the common stock of the Rock Island system, within five minutes of the opening of the exchange, rose from 50 5/8 to 81, when it settled back again after heavy trading to 50.

All this startling pyrotechnic advance of 31 points and the equally surprising slump to the opening sale price, caused a shiver of fear on the Stock Exchange, which spread itself across the continent on brokers' wires that a "corner" had been effected. A block of 1,800 shares sold at 81, the top price, Rock Island common stock closed at 49 1/2 last Friday.

The spectacular rise is generally credited to frightened short interests which apparently got badly squeezed. One of the directors of the Rock Island and who is also connected with the banking interests of this road, today said:

"There is nothing in the affairs of the company to account for the advance. It appears to be a squeeze of the shorts. Controlling interests and officials of the Rock Island had nothing to do with it."

For a time this skyrocketing unsettled the whole stock market, the fears of a "corner" causing large quantities of stocks to be dumped on the market.

The report from the west that Edwin Hawley had acquired control of the Rock Island, brought an emphatic denial from Mr. Hawley.

A meeting of the board of governors of the Stock Exchange was called for 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. It is reported that the Rock Island episode will be inquired into.

of safeguarding public lands and national resources, and should those constitutions be adopted by votes of the people of the territories, the president could reject them if he desired and congress again could open the way for the adoption of satisfactory constitutions. This, of course, was well nigh impossible in the case of Oklahoma, as the people had expressed their choice of state officers and justice had to be done then.

The indications are that a bill will be passed at this session providing for the means of holding constitutional conventions and for elections to pass upon the question of adopting or rejecting the constitutions. It is believed that the effect will be to insure good state constitutions and make it certain that two new stars will be added to the flag within a year of the adjournment of the present congress.

BUSINESS FIRMS REWARD THEIR FAITHFUL EMPLOYEES

Hundreds of dollars in cash was distributed Christmas day by the leading business houses of Las Vegas to their employees. This is not all, for in some instances firms that do not remember their employees on Christmas, do so on New Year's, making gifts at that time of either money or increases in salary as a reward for faithful performance of duty on the part of clerks and other employees.

A local wholesale establishment, noted for its generosity with its employees in the past, and its liberal donations to projects having the best interests of Las Vegas at heart, probably made the largest gifts. These were checks ranging from \$25 up to \$100, according to length of service and duty performed by the recipient.

Other firms gave their employees anywhere from \$5 each up to \$25, besides gifts of varied sorts from pretty Christmas cards and cigars to leather purses and even handsomer gifts.

LAS VEGAS HOSPITAL IS GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS

The Ladies' Relief society of Las Vegas hospital wishes to gratefully acknowledge the very generous Christmas donations made this institution by public spirited citizens of the city. Among the gifts were sixty-eight pieces of linen, given by the ladies of the East side Catholic church; a generous supply of groceries by Charles Hild; three beautiful rugs by J. C. Johnson & Son; \$25 from the Thimble club of Chicago and several other cash donations.

MRS. SOLEDAD MARTINEZ DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

Mrs. Soledad de los Reyes Chavez de Martinez died at Los Vigiles on Saturday, the cause of her death being old age. The deceased was ninety-six years old. She was well known in Las Vegas, having resided in this vicinity for years and was the owner of the large Martinez ranch near the hot springs. Mrs. Martinez was a woman of good qualities and was a favorite with all who knew her. The funeral took place this afternoon from the Martinez home at Los Vigiles.

ROOSEVELT APPOINTEE IS CONTINUED IN OFFICE

Washington, Dec. 27.—It was announced at the White House today that Seth Bullock, United States marshal for South Dakota, will be re-appointed for another term of four years from January 13th next. Bullock has for years been known as a close personal friend of Col. Theodore Roosevelt and his re-appointment is said to be both a recognition of what he has done as well as a compliment to the former president.

BILL LANG KNOCKS OUT FITZSIMMONS AT SYDNEY

Sidney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight, knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in the twelfth round of their fight at Rush Cutter's Bay stadium yesterday. The fight was even to the last round, when Lang forced Fitzsimmons to the ropes, knocking him down with a right to the jaw and when he arose, sent him to the floor senseless from a right uppercut.

A. A. JONES IN NEW ROLE

PETITIONS COURT TO DISPROVE
GRANT BOARD RESOLU-
TION

AFFECTS CAMFIELD PROJECT

ATTORNEY'S ACTION OCCASIONS
CONSIDERABLE SUR-
PRISE

INDIGNATION IS EXPRESSED

ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS RESER-
VOIR PROJECT GENERALLY
CONDEMNED

Considerable surprise and not a little indignation was caused today by the action of Attorney A. A. Jones of this city in filing a petition in the district court, asking the court to disprove the resolution adopted by the Las Vegas Grant Board on December 6th, which resolution has had the effect of inducing D. A. Camfield, the Colorado capitalist, to begin active construction work on the so-called Camfield reservoir project on the Las Vegas Grant. The resolution which appears as No. 10, in the book of the district court of San Miguel county, is a case to which all the formal and legal matters appertaining to the affairs of the grant are tied.

In his petition Mr. Jones sets out that he has been a resident of Las Vegas, and consequently a resident upon the grant for more than twenty-four years. The reason for saying this is probably because Mr. Jones is filing the petition as a taxpayer and one who is interested in the grant. The petition gives as reasons for the request contained therein that the board of trustees of the grant has no legal power to enter into the contract provided for by the resolution of December 6th, which reduced the bond of D. A. Camfield from \$200,000 to \$100,000 and guaranteed to indemnify him to the extent of \$10,000 if he, in return, would begin construction work on the Sangre de Cristo project by the 15th of December.

The second reason is that by the contract Mr. Camfield would be placed in a position where he could acquire title to a large tract of land on the grant for less than its value as dry land, and without building any irrigation works in return. This objection is doubtless based on the fact that by a previous contract the board agreed to deed outright to Mr. Camfield the lands embraced in their negotiations and which have been already described by The Optic.

An order to show cause on the above petition was issued this morning and the hearing will be held in the chambers of Chief Justice Mills on January 8th, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

BREAK FOR LIBERTY AT REFORM SCHOOL FOILED

Springer, N. M., Dec. 27.—Four enterprising young men who thought they had had enough of life in the New Mexico reform school, are wearing stripes and dieting on bread and water as the result of an unsuccessful attempt to break out by removing the iron bolts at one of the windows. The boys were discovered tampering with the window just in time by Assistant Superintendent Coleman.

STOCK LOSSES HEAVY AS RESULT OF BLIZZARD

The losses of cattle and sheep is reported to be quite heavy as the result of the recent blizzard in this county. The snow is reported to be a foot deep on the range and the cold winds have been so severe as to kill many sheep and cattle.